## **Preparing Your Recyclables**

Recycling in Fulton County should be separated into 3 different categories: Paper; Corrugated Cardboard; and Containers (glass, plastic & metal)



- Newspapers & Inserts
- Magazines & Catalogs
- Envelopes, Junk Mail
- Sheet or Shredded Paper
- Phone & Paperback Books
- Grayboard (one-layer cardboard) like Cereal, Shoe or Tissue Boxes
- Paper Egg Cartons

Remove & discard plastic or waxed inner liner bags.

Flatten any boxes.

Put paper and flattened boxes into a clear plastic bag (or tie in bundles).

**NO:** hardcover books, carbon paper, foil-lined envelopes, food residue, inner liner bags, tissues or napkins.



- Packing Boxes
- Corrugated Cardboard with 3 layers, including a wavy middle section

NO: Pizza boxes, hardcover books.

Flatten and tie in bundles no larger than 3' x 3', <u>OR</u> put inside a clear plastic bag. Do not stack inside an unbroken box.

Glass
Bottles & Jars
(any color)

 Clear and Colored Glass Food & Beverage Bottles and Jars

**NO:** windows, mirrors, light bulbs, automotive glass, ceramics & pottery, plates or cups.

# Cans Aluminum & Tin

- Food & Beverage Cans Put lid inside can & pinch top
- Aluminum Food Trays
- Empty Aerosol Cans

**NO:** paint cans, aluminum foil, pots & pans, or containers from caustic or flammable products.



- Milk Jugs, Bottles
- Detergent, Liquid Soap and Shampoo Bottles
- Food & Beverage Cans
- Tub Type Containers (yogurt, margarine tubs)
- Bags of plastic shopping bags, wood pellet bags\*

NO: Tupperware, toys, pill bottles, Styrofoam, bubble wrap, flower pots, motor oil, anti-freeze or RV anti-freeze, or pool chemical bottles.

## RINSE OUT CONTAINERS

#### Labels can be left on

Put all glass and plastic jars, bottles, tubs & metal cans together in a clear plastic bag. (No need to sort by material)



\*Put a tied "bag full of bags" (not loose) in bag with mixed containers.

Recycling should be placed into a see-through plastic bag. Use clear purchased bags, or grocery or department store bags. We must be able see what's inside. (*Paper items or cardboard can also be bundled and tied.*)

- 30 pound limit per bag -

#### Items that should NOT be in recycling

**Garbage** - Including food waste, diapers, motor oil bottles, pizza boxes.

**Lawn & Yard Waste** - Compost it, or check with your local municipality to see if they have pick up programs or drop-off sites. **Electronics** - Year-round, free electronics & television drop-off at **ALL** Fulton County transfer stations (during regular station hours).

No transfer station permit is needed (for electronics only). The Electronics Drop Off located at the Solid Waste Department (address below), will continue to take electronics from small businesses and non-profits (as well as any county resident).

**Light Bulbs** - Fluorescent light bulbs can be dropped off at the FCDSW (no charge, residents only). Other bulbs go into garbage.

**Batteries** - Used vehicle (wet cell), rechargeable & button batteries can be dropped at the FCDSW or any transfer station. **Household Hazardous Waste** - HHW Drop-Off Day is held in August, on alternating years. Call for details.

**Paint** - Hold liquid paint for HHW day, or Latex Paint Exchange every Saturday in June-Aug. Cans of dried (solidified) paint should go in the garbage, with the lid plainly removed (so garbage crews can see the paint is dried).

**Medicines** - Empty bottles go in the garbage. Do not flush old medicine. Local pharmacies have mail back programs. Contact local police department about disposal of controlled substances.

**Sharps** (needles and lancets) - **NEVER PUT IN WITH RECYCLING**. Call 736-5504 for disposal options.



### **Fulton County Department of Solid Waste**

847 Mud Road, Johnstown, New York, 12095

**Hours:** 7:15 a.m.-3 p.m. weekdays • 7:15-11:30 a.m. Saturday

Contact Us: (518) 736-5504 Recycling Info-Line or recycle@co.fulton.ny.us